



Saint John Lutheran Church

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NEWSLETTER

February 2013

Greetings, dear friends in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture as been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:14-21).

With these words Jesus proclaimed himself to be the "Promised Messiah" through whom all the scriptures and our redemption through Christ's death and resurrection have been fulfilled for us. We are currently in the season of Epiphany, which runs from the Baptism of Jesus through the Transfiguration. Epiphany means "presentation." We will soon enter the season of Lent as Ash Wednesday is early this year falling on February 13. Lent is a time of preparation as we remember Jesus' walk to Calvary where he would suffer and die for our sins, thus he would present us as forgiven children of God through our faith in our Savior's redeeming work. I pray many of you will join us during the Lenten season for worship services both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Conservation Dinner: Once again the Youth Group will cater the meal for the conservation dinner this year. The Dinner and program will be held at the Elementary School Gym on Saturday, February 2, beginning at 6:00p.m. I hope many of you will join us for a wonderful evening.

Bible Studies: We continue to offer numerous Bible Studies at St. John and around the community. Our ladies hold Bible studies on Monday mornings at 10:00 at the church and Sheri Jonsson hosts a Bible study at her home, 315 S. 2nd Street, on Monday afternoons at 2:00pm. We also have a Wednesday evening Bible Study at the church at 8:00pm as well as Sunday mornings at 9:30. And last but not least is the Thursday morning study at the High Rise at 10:00am. We invite everyone to take advantage of these studies for their learning and for fellowship with fellow believers.

Biggs Baby Shower: There will be a baby shower for Nick and Sara Biggs, and their twins, Aidan and Adilynn on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 3:00pm. It will be held in the church basement. All ladies are welcome to attend. Sara is registered at Target in Salina and online at target.com. The babies, a boy and girl, are also in need of outfits sizes 3-6 months. Contact Lana for any questions. 785-524-4039 or 785-346-4592.

Lenten Services: Our first Lenten service will be held on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm. At St. John. The LWML Ladies will provide refreshments following the service. We will once again alternate service locations with St. Paul's from week to week. During Holy Week the Maundy Thursday service will be at St. John with Good Friday services at St. Paul's.

Baxter Black: Cowboy poet and humorist Baxter Black will be at the Lincoln, Kansas Elementary School on Saturday evening, February 16, 5:00pm. Tickets are \$13.00 and sold at Lincoln Building Supply, and Wagoner Insurance Agency. Come out for an evening of fun and laughs. Thank you to all the Lincoln Sponsors: Lincoln Building Supply, S&S Autobody, Wagoner Insurance, Post Rock Aviation, Metz & O'Hare.

YG Valentine's Dinner/Theatre: The annual Youth Group Valentine's Dinner and program will be held on Sunday evening, February 17, beginning at 5:00pm. We will have a Hawaiian Luau theme this year. Tickets are currently on sale for \$15.00/ticket or \$25.00/couple. You can make reservations by contacting Sonja or Pastor at the church by calling the church (785) 524-4039 or talk to us in person. The deadline for reservations is February 10. We thank Sonja, Lana, and our new YG sponsor Allison Aufdemberge for hosting the event and thank all those who have participated in the past and made this such a joyous event.

Jesse Reinking Benefit: There will be a benefit held for Jesse Reinking one of our young members from Tescott. Jesse is the 18 year son of Glenn Reinking, who is suffering from an aggressive form of bone cancer. The benefit will be held on February 23rd at the Beverly Community Hall. The meal will be held from 5:00-8:00pm. With a silent auction and music. If you have some items you would like to donate for the auction please contact Brandi Krueger (785) 531-0748. The committee is asking St. John for 30 desserts, which can be left at the church for pickup at 12:00 noon Saturday, February 23rd. If you have any questions please call Sonja Kobbeman for details.

Tanner Sullivan Benefit: St. John has been asked to donate 12 dozen sandwiches for the March 10th Sullivan Benefit. Please sign the paper at the back of the church if you are willing to donate and put the number of sandwiches you are planning to make. Sandwiches can be left at the church in the kitchen refrigerators and a member from the planning committee will pick them up.

As you can see we have many needs throughout our community. As Christians we are called to a life of service to God and our neighbor and we have many opportunities to serve. I pray God moves you to give of your time and talents to help out in any way you can and **May God bless you in your walk of faith today and throughout this New Year and remember to join us for worship! Yours in Christ: Pastor Schneider**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, Feb 1, 8:30am

Mission of Love workday

Sat, Feb 2, 6:00pm.

Conservation Dinner catered by YG

Sunday, Feb 3, 9:30/10:30	Sunday School/Worship with Communion
Monday, 10:00/2:00pm	Women's Bible Study SJL. /Jonsson Study
Wed. Feb 6, 3:40/6:00/7:00/7:30/8:00	WDS/Conf/Choir Practice/YG Mt/Bible Study
Friday. Feb 8, 8:30am	Mission of Love Workday
Sunday, Feb10, 9:30/10:30/11:30	Sunday School/Worship/Elders Meeting
Sunday, Feb 10, 3:00	Biggs Baby Shower SJL
Monday, Feb 11, 10:00/2:00	Women's Bible Study, SJL/Jonsson Study
Tuesday, Feb 12, 6:00am	Early Risers Meeting
Wed. Feb 13, 3:40/6:00/7:30/8:00	WDS/Conf/Ash Wednesday Service SJL/YG Mt
Friday. Feb 15, 8:30am.	Mission of Love Workday
Sunday. Feb 17, 9:30/10:30	Sunday School/Communion Worship
Monday, Feb 18, 10:00/2:00	Women's Bible Study SJL/Jonsson Study
Wed. Feb 20, 3:40/6:00/7:30	WDS/Confirmation/Lenten Service St. Paul's
Friday, Feb 22, 8:30am	Mission of Love Workday
Sat, Feb 23, 5:00-8:00pm	Jesse Reinking Benefit
Sunday, Feb 24, 9:30/10:30	Sunday School/Worship
Monday, Feb 25, 10:00/2:00	Women's Bible Study SJL/Jonsson Study
Tuesday, Feb 26, 6:00am.	Early Risers Meeting
Wed. Feb 27. 3:40/6:00/7:30	WDS/Confirmation/Lenten Service St. John
Friday, Feb 28, 8:30am.	Mission of Love Workday

